

NOTICE
FY20
Howard County
Public School Facilities Surcharge Increase

Pursuant to Howard County Code, Section 20.142(c), a per square foot surcharge is assessed on residential construction. On July 1, 2005, and each fiscal year thereafter, the fee shall be adjusted for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The funds collected must be used to support school construction, alterations, and additions.

Accordingly, the public school facilities surcharge on July 1, 2019, will be \$1.35 per square foot. The fee is applicable for all eligible permits issued on or after July 1, 2019.

The surcharge is applicable to all areas that are contained within any residential building, including attached garages and home occupation areas. It is assessed by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits in exactly the same way as the Building Excise Tax, which is used to support the construction of roads in the County.